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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

You may have heard of the Red Chinese announcement that a Chinese Nationalist U-2 was shot down over the Chinese Mainland early today. Our intercepts and other data confirm this report, and the Chiang government is now announcing that one of its aircraft is missing and presumed lost.

This is the fourth shoot-down over a period of 2 1/2 years (September '62, October '63, July '64, and January '65). We have two aircraft still in Taiwan, and three Chinese pilots, but they will stay on the ground until we learn more.

We believe the Chinese are using surface-to-air missiles, but we have less information than we would like on how many there are and where. We also need to review the technical aspects of electronic defense for these aircraft.

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